Good News For Homemakers

Blessed are they

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
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Beatitudes for Homemakers

As we celebrate the Christmas season, I wish to share the following with you: BLESSED is she whose daily tasks are a work of love; for her willing hands and happy heart transform into joyous service to all her family and God.

BLESSED is she who opens the door to welcome both stranger and well-loved friend; for gracious hospitality is a test of brotherly love.

BLESSED is she who mends stockings and toys and broken hearts; for her understanding is a balm to her husband and children.

BLESSED is she who scours and scrubs; for well she knows that cleanliness is one expression of godliness.

BLESSED is she whom children love; for the love of a child is of greater value than fortune or fame.

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BLESSED is she who dusts away doubt and fear and sweeps out the cobwebs of confusion; for her faith will triumph over all adversity.

BLESSED is she who served laughter and smiles with every meal; for her cheerfulness is an aid to mental and physical digestion.

BLESSED is she who introduces Jesus Christ to her family; for godly sons and daughters shall be her reward.

BLESSED is she who preserves the sacredness of the Christmas season; for hers is a divine trust that crowns her with dignity.

--Adapted by Ella May Miller

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or write P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

On behalf of the Appomattox Extension Staff, I wish to extend our warmest good wishes for a joyous Christmas to you and your families.

Merry Christmas!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Louise Cox's Fresh Apple Pound Cake

1 ½ cup cooking oil
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
2 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups fine chopped apple
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup raisins

Beat oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla until well blended. Combine dry ingredients. Add to mixture, beating well. Stir in raisins, apples and nuts. Spoon into a greased floured tube or bundt pan. Bake at 325° for one hour or until done. Let cool in pan 15 minutes.

Icing

2 cups brown sugar
¾ cup water
Add one stick margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla

Boil until a soft ball forms in cup of water. Then beat. Pour on cake while hot to make a glazed icing on cake.

Thanks to Mrs. Louise Cox for sharing this delicious recipe with us.

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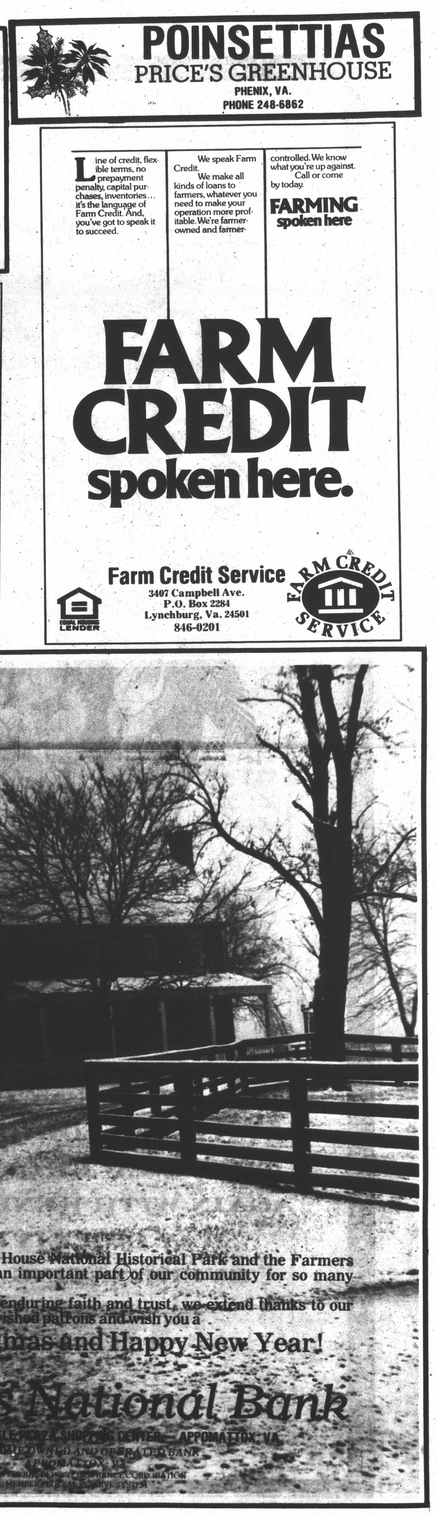
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Chestnut Grove news

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryan and family of Knoxville, Tenn. were weekend visitors of the Rev. and Mrs. Dot Bryan. They were here to attend the wedding of David Bryan and Faye Harris Saturday at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club met Monday at the clubhouse for their Christmas party eight members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lipscomb of Appomattox were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris.

C. Wayne Cook of Richmond visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook during the weekend.

The Adult Sunday School class of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church went to Thomas Road church in Lynchburg Sunday afternoon to attend a Christmas service and see the Living Christmas Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kidd were honored Sunday on their 40th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hill near New Canton. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kemper M. Beasley, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and children; Mrs. C. H. Morris; Mrs. Don Morris and boys, Mrs. Roger Morris, Sandi and Becky.

Mrs. Herman Dowdy of Curdsville had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Alice Senger and afterwards they both attended the Kidd anniversary celebration near New Canton.

Kathy Beasley spent Friday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

The regular Woman's Missionary meeting will be held Friday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Louie Foster of Farmville, Donald Foster of Parksley were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Sunday visitors in the same home were Butch Tolbert and Richard Harris both of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan entertained with an after rehearsal party Friday night at their home.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

A total of 344 4-H members presented speeches in this year's 4-H Public Speaking program. The County Contest was held last Thursday evening at Appomattox Elementary School. Farmers National Bank provided the ribbons and trophies for public speaking participants as they have done for the past ten years.

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Seventy five 4-H'ers have ordered pine seedlings through the special program offered by the Virginia Division of Forestry. The trees will be delivered about the middle of March. There has been a concern across the state in past years that some 4-H'ers are not using the pine seedlings in the manner in which they were intended. The whole purpose of the 4-H pine seedling program is to help young people learn about the importance of planting trees and to help them begin a stand of forest trees. 4-H pine trees are not to be used for landscaping or other ornamental purposes.

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Appomattox 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to plant wildlife feed plots of Bicolor lespedeza seedlings this spring. Bicolor lespedeza is a perennial shrub that produces an abundance of seed for gamebirds and songbirds. The plants will be offered to 4-H members in groups of 25 plants. The plants will be purchased through a $50.00 award provided by the Virginia Wildlife Federation. Details will be available to 4-H members at their January meetings.

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4-H Strawberry plant orders continue to come in. Three varieties will be offered: Earlibelle, Surecrop and Delite. All orders are asked to be turned in by January 20. If you would like an order form, please stop by the Extension Office or give us a call.

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The Christmas season is the season of giving. Remember that the giving does not simply involve gifts. Remember to give of yourself. The love and interest you show in others may be more important than the gift that you purchase. Christmas is a good time to remember the "Hands and Heart H." The 4-H Pledge emphasizes the "Hands to larger service" and the "Heart to greater loyalty." Let's remember these "H's" at Christmas time. We hope that your family has a joyful Holiday Season.

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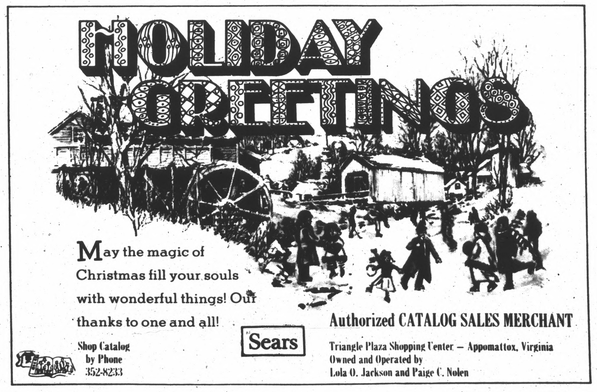

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